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# San Bernardino Valley AUDUBON SOCIETY

C/o San Bernardino County Museum  
2024 Orange Tree Lane  
Redlands CA 92374  
July 28, 1999

Water Resources Director Tom Hannigan  
1416 Ninth Street  
Sacramento CA 95814

*Mr. Hannigan*  
Dear Governor Davis:

The San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society (SBVAS) is asking you to chart a smarter course for California through the "CALFED Bay/Delta" program—a plan for how to protect and use California's water resources for the next 50 years.

The SBVAS cares about protecting rivers, bays and drinking water because the Santa River is born in San Bernardino County and flows through Riverside County, which counties are the "jurisdiction" of the SBVAS. Also, we see that rapid development is destroying what little wetlands we have left. We urge you to ensure the CALFED program:

- ❖ Invests in water efficiency for at least seven years before even considering new dams or reservoirs. The MWD facility near Hemet is not needed, and only induces more growth in southern California.
- ❖ Restores our rivers, bays and fisheries by providing adequate fresh water and caring for the land around our rivers.
- ❖ Improves water quality for people and wildlife by enforcing pollution limits.
- ❖ Stops making taxpayers pick up the tab for studies of new dams and reservoirs that flood valuable habitat and remove needed water from our rivers.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

*Susan L. Nash*

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